

Police Crack Down on School Vandals



NETTING A GIRL—Beauty contestants in Redondo Neptune Days event try to net Diana Dean to lend Torrance as a fill-in queen. Diana apparently prefers to stay home. From left—Colleen Crowley, Jeanette Alexander, Barbara Lallou.

Redondo to Screen Our Village Queen

EDITOR THE PRESS:

While the residents and businessmen of Redondo Beach agree with your front-page article of May 12 that whee Betty Baker may be a tired queen we cannot agree that she is old—after all at 18. We can also agree Betty has done much to uphold the fine standards established by the fair city of Torrance.

We the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce propose the following:

Whereas the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 1960 Neptune Queen Contest,

Whereas the contestants must be Redondo Beach girls (of which there are no peer) by nature of living in Redondo, going to school in Redondo, or working in Redondo,

Whereas Redondo Beach girls are noted for their beauty of face, figure, character, poise and most importantly their soul,

Whereas twelve girls rushed to support their city's pride by entering the contest. Hence giving the judges an ample amount of beauty to make their decision extremely difficult,

We therefore, make note to Torrance Mayor Al Isen and J. H. Paget, Chamber of Commerce president, that we feel good fellowship, city pride, and a feeling for intercity cooperation forces us to offer our Redondo Beach Neptune Queen to fulfill the various Torrance civic honors until such time you can find a suitable queen to fill Miss Baker's bathing suit.

We are prepared to lend said queen ad infinitum, should that prove necessary. We promise that the girl who becomes our queen will be in the upper part of her class rather than, as stated in your earlier article, a beauty without grades as a prerequisite.

The only regulation we would deem to make necessary is that all publicity should contain the following credit:

"Acting Miss Torrance on loan from Redondo Beach until Torrance can obtain an equally beautiful, intelligent, honest replacement."

REDONDO BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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City Employees Seek 10% Raise

Ask Equity with Others in Southland

Five Cities Studied as Basis for Wage, Fringe Benefit Plea

Representatives of nearly 600 city workers this week filed a proposal with the city manager's office requesting more equitable pay and other benefits.

The United Council of City Employees is asking a 10% wage increase after a study of comparable neighboring cities, it was reported by Tom Woodridge, council member and Torrance police motorcycle officer.

The employees have not had a raise since last July, when they were edged up 5% by authorization of the City Council.

Other recommendations from the employees group:

A clothing allowance of \$10 a month for police officers, justified by their wearing uniforms only while on duty.

Compensation for gloves and coveralls worn and quickly worn out by members of the rubbish-collection and sewer departments.

A raise in hazard pay from the present \$35 a month to a flat 10% of base salary for motorcycle officers.

Washington's Birthday added to the workers' annual paid holidays.

Night-differential pay for custodial workers and purchase of ammunition used by police during gun practice.

The proposals were presented after a survey of the cities used by Torrance in figuring adjustments last year. They are Glendale, Burbank, Santa Monica, Pasadena, and Downey.

The increase in pay and other benefits will be included in the budget study that will be ready for City Council action in June.



NOTIFICATION—Terry Swift of North High and Paige Baillie, South High, get the word they have won Armed Forces Day essay contest. Theme was "Power for Peace."

Winning Armed Forces Essays

By TERRY SWIFT

What is power? A good question, not one easily answerable. Is power economic? That may be true. When England controlled her vast overseas empire, she was the most powerful nation on earth; but England has since lost the major portion of her colonies. Is power the possessing of great armies by nations? Perhaps. During the second World War, Germany possessed the largest, most well-trained, most well-equipped army of all time. Yet Germany fell.

Is power the possessing of great quantities of ICBM and nuclear warheads? True today; yet one can never know when even this advanced stage of power will fade into the past. Perhaps power is the moral strength of the people. True in the United States; but how about the Soviet Union? I seriously doubt that the people of the USSR love their form of government so much they would gladly lay down their lives for it.

In the past, power has depended on colonization, on the possessing of large standing land and naval forces, and on economic stability. This is true in part today; but there are few areas left to colonize, and most nation's foreign colonies have since become independent nations. And in regards to possessing large standing military forces, the idea is not only impractical but obsolete. Should a nuclear war become evident, no nation would have the time to mobilize its forces. War would begin and end in a matter of hours and so would civilization, as we know it, vanish just as quickly.

Today there are two camps of power, each based upon different ideals. They are the United States of America, heading the camp of democracy, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, heading the camp of communism. Past indications have shown that the communists do not want to peacefully co-exist with democracy. The doctrines of communism state that the USSR is bent on placing the world under communist domination. The Soviet premier himself stated it.

By PAIGE BAILLIE

Patriotism is the basis of our national power. It cannot be taught or implied, but is developed through a chain of experiences. From a true knowledge of our government, recognizing its attributes along with its faults, evolves the understanding that this, above all, is what we believe in.

With complete recognition and a knowledge fulfilled comes the experience of true belief—this is patriotism.

To realize the accomplishments and accept the faults with admittance is the key to understanding.

To go forth with an open mind and experience, and be appreciative of the nation in which you live—this is patriotism, the patriotism which produces pride in our country and everything it stands for. We fight for our country to keep it ours, but first it must be ours to begin with. The patriot is the only one who can claim a country as his own.

The armed forces are necessary to insure the welfare of a country, but a strong defense is imperative to the lives of its people. Strength does not mean only the assurance of victory through force—for strength without meaning is a country without a purpose. Strength alone may induce a nation's victory, but without patriotism, the people are captives within their own country. To defend through force without belief, may lead to a triumph—but undesired.

This is why I am proud of my country and the men who defend it and why we are fortunate to have our armed forces—who believe patriotism is the power behind our peace.

Beasley Re-elected

Councilman J. A. Beasley was re-elected vice president of the Inter-City Highway Committee Thursday night. Redondo Councilman William A. Cameron was re-elected president.

City's Schools Will Graduate 2700 in June

About 900 students will be graduated from Torrance's three high schools Thursday, June 9, while about 1800 eighth-graders will leave elementary schools in ceremonies June 8 and 9.

The Torrance Adult School will award diplomas to nearly 200 adults ranging in age from 17 to 71, Monday, June 6, Superintendent J. H. Hull and board President Walter Garrabrant will officiate.

Ceremonies at the three high schools will all be held at 8 p.m. Thursday on the campuses. At North High, Grace Wright and Joseph G. Arnold, school-board members, will hand out 350 diplomas, with Robert Morton, personnel director.

South High's first graduating class, about 325, will receive diplomas from William C. Boswell and Clinton Cooke, board members, and Hull. Torrance High's officials for 240 students will be Garrabrant and Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Elementary diplomas will be handed out by the board members, past board members, school namesakes, and school administrators. Former board members Evelyn Carr and Dr. Howard Wood will give out diplomas at the schools named for them, while industrialist Philip Magruder will do the honors at his namesake.

Graduations are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, June 8: Madrona, 6 p.m. (Mrs. Wright); Meadow Park, 7 p.m. (Arnold); Seaside, 7 p.m. (Garrabrant); Yukon, 7 p.m. (Morton). (Continued on page A-3)

Vandals Face New Tough Police Policy

Police and school officials will cooperate to cut down vandalism and burglary at Torrance's 32 school plants, Police Chief Percy G. Bennett and Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip announced today.

Last year, school damage and burglaries cost more than \$25,000 and the damage is increasing.

Police will increase patrols of school property, Bennett said.

He said parents are liable for damage done by their children. Arrests have been increasing, and several parents have had to pay several hundred dollars for damage at schools and other public property.

"The \$25,000 spent last year was a senseless waste of money," Waldrip declared.

"It could have been used to hire five more teachers, buy 25,000 reams of good writing paper, or furnish 52 classrooms with desks and chairs. We have a very tight budget and it seems a shame to have to spend even a small part of it to repair vandalism."

Rites Conducted for Sea-Air Crash Victim

Funeral services were conducted in San Pedro this week for Homer Howard Holder of Rolling Hills, who was killed in a plane crash off Catalina Saturday.

He was making pictures of porpoises with Robert G. Woyatch, whose body has not been found.



CLEAN-UP—Students at Hamilton School join Torrance's clean-up campaign with parade, slogan, poster, band, and trash can remind pupils to keep school, city clean.

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Trailer Court Denied

The Regional Planning Commission this week denied an application to establish a trailer court on the northeast corner of South Main St. and Lomita Blvd. in Harbor City.